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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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4. Other:

A. Copy/Copies of U.S. Patent reference(s) (if any) is/are not enclosed.

B. The reference(s) was/were cited in a Japanese Office Action made of record as of January 20, 2009 in corresponding Japanese Patents 2007-340197 and 2007-340198. A partial English language

translation of the Japanese Office Actions is attached for the Examiner's information.

C. An English-language Abstract(s) for JP-1989-237726, JP-1992-116723, JP-2001-027946, JP-2001-075789 and JP-2003-140894 is/are attached hereto.

D. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears below.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 50-4610, referencing Atty. Docket No. 03-52339.

Respectfully submitted,

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